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TAGS: ETRN, MY  
SUBJECT: PANAM FREIGHT SERVICE TO MALAYSIA

REF: (A) STATE 159702; (B) KUALA LUMPUR 3528

1. SUMMARY: EMBASSY APPROACHED GOM AS REQUESTED  
REFTEL A WITH MIXED RESULTS. MINCOM AGREED TO DROP  
PROVISO ON TRAFFIC RIGHTS FOR FREIGHT SERVICE;  
HOWEVER, THEY WISH FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH PAN AM  
ON PASSENGER ROUTES. THEY WILL LIKELY PLACE STRINGS  
ON PASSENGER RIGHTS, BUT LESS RESTRICTIVE THAN  
LETTER QUOTED DEPTTEL. END SUMMARY.

2. EMBOFF CONVEYED MESSAGE REFTEL A TO MINCOM  
AND LATER ADVISED PAN AM REP IN SINGAPORE OF  
DISCUSSION. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF CONVERSATION MINCOM

3. GOM CONSIDERS THAT AS ROUTE SCHEDULE IN 1970  
AGREEMENT WAS DRAWN UP BEFORE MALAYSIA NATIONAL  
AIRLINE WAS FORMED, IT NOW WISHES TO EXTEND  
TRAFFICE RIGHTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERESTS OF MAS.  
GOM HAD ENTERED PROVISO IN LETTER TO PAN AM TO  
PROTECT MAS, WHICH EXTENDING SERVICE BEYOND  
HONG KONG TO TAIPEI IN OCTOBER AND TO TOKYO IN JANUARY.

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RM EMBASSY REPLY ELABORATED TWO POINTS,  
(A) MAS NOT PROVIDING FREIGHT SERVICE AND NOT  
CAPABLE OF DOING SO IN FORESEEABLE FUTURE, AND  
(B) PAN AM PASSENGER SERVICE NOT NECESSARILY  
COMPETITIVE TO MAS, BUT WOULD BRING NEW AND  
ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC INTO KL.

5. MINCOM ACCEDED ON FIRST POINT AND AGREED  
TO EXTEND PERMIT FOR PAN AM FREIGHT SERVICE  
WITHOUT THE RESTRICTION ON TRAFFIC RIGHTS STATED  
IN AUGUST 11 LETTER. THEY ASKED FOR ADDITIONAL  
INFO ON PAN AM FREIGHT SERVICE, WHICH PAN AM  
REP SUBSEQUENTLY AGREED TO FURNISH IMMEDIATELY.  
EXPECTATION IS THAT INAUGURAL FREIGHT SERVICE  
WILL BE MADE FIRST WEEK OF SEPTEMBER.

6. ON PASSENGER SERVICE MINCOM AGREED TO  
RELEVANCY OF EMBASSY REPLY, BUT ARE UNWILLING  
TO EXTEND TRAFFIC RIGHTS WITHOUT QUALIFICATION.  
THUS THEY REQUESTING FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH  
PAN AM ON SPECIFIC ROUTES BEFORE THEY WILL EXTEND  
PERMIT FOR PASSENGER SERVICE. (PAN AM REP  
SUBSEQUENTLY TOLD EMBOFF THAT HE WOULD REQUEST A  
ROUTE NEGOTIATING OFFICER TO COME OUT FROM  
NEW YORK FOR THESE CONVERSATIONS).

7. COMMENT. EMBASSY NO LONGER PUZZLED PER  
REF B PARA 4 ABOUT DEPTS EARLIER QUESTION ON  
GOM INTENTIONS. BASED ON THIS CONVERSATION WE  
BELIEVE MINCOM WILL AGREE TO FULL PASSENGER TRAFFIC  
RIGHT THROUGH MANILA AND SAIGON, BUT WILL DEMUR ON UNQUALIFIED  
RIGHTS THROUGH OTHER INTERMEDIATE POINTS. OPINION  
IN GOM IS DIVIDED, HOWEVER, AND IT IS POSSIBLE  
THAT PANAM CAN GET MUCH OF WHAT IT IS SEEKING  
IF IT ADVANCES IT'S CASE CAREFULLY.  
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